# **Laxey Primary School**

'Bravery, Challenge, Smiling, Honesty, Effort, Failing Well, Positivity, Reflection'



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# NEWSLETTE MAR 2024

#### **Dates for Your Diary**

**06.03.24** Y6 Trip to Tynwald **07.03.24** World Book Day

Details below

07.03.24 IOM Cross Country Championship

08.03.24 Family Bingo Night

13.03.24 First Aid for Y6

14.03.24 Daffodil Competition

**15.03.24** Red Nose Day

20.03.24 Y6 Speed Questions at RGS

**20.03.24** Parents' Evening (1) **21.03.24** Parents' Evening (2)

22.03.24 KSI Trip to St Marks TBC

22.03.24 Y5 Trip to Knockaloe Farm

25.03.24 Manx Theme Week

28.03.24 School closes for Easter break

This is not an exhaustive list! The homepage of our website has a live calendar of events - check it out!

# **Message From Mr Kelly**

What a vibrant start to the new half-term we've had at Laxey School! I'm thrilled to share some developments and reflections with you.

💢 We are a FLAGSHIP School for inclusion: I trust you have seen the fantastic news that Laxey School has been awarded national flagship status for its approach to inclusive education. A huge congratulations to all of our pupils and staff, especially Miss Bridson who co-ordinated this piece of work for us. The full report is published and available to read on the school website: Homepage > Our School > Additional School Information > IQM Flagship Report 2024

School inspection: You may have seen the news-release from the Department of Education, Sport and Culture that all schools and services are due to be inspected over the next three years as part of a new quality assurance and external validation process. Laxey School has been informed that we will be visited by the validation team in May 2024. We will share more details as and when we can.

🔛 Stay Informed: As always, I encourage you to visit our website and follow us on social media. Find newsletters, important policy information, and a real-time calendar of events to keep you in the loop. Looking ahead, let's continue to foster a nurturing and inclusive environment where every pupil thrives. Here's to more exciting times at Laxey School! With best wishes as always, Max Kelly, Headteacher

We wish to remind parents of the 48-hour rule. If If you have a child due to start with us at Laxey School in September, please get Our Kindness Challenge may your child experiences symptoms such as vomiting in touch asap to register their place! If you know of any families in and around have finished but we hope and/or diarrhoea, then they must stay home untile our catchment area with children who will be school age in September, please you all continue to be kind encourage them to get in touch with us so they can register a place! each & every day! symptom-free for 48 hours.



### 🔄 🔄 World Book Day 🔄

Laxey School will be celebrating World Book Day next week. We believe the emphasis of the day should be on reading and celebrating quality literature rather than dressing up.

The children are welcome to bring in a favourite (or current) book that they can read and share on the day. In addition, the teachers will plan for some low-key reading activities to further recognise WBD. To continue the celebration of books and to encourage children to continue reading for pleasure, every pupil will receive a £1 book token which is redeemable in all well known bookshops across the island... keep an eye out for it!

## **Garff Commissioners Daffodil Comp**

It's that time of year when you need to start thinking about your daffodil and decorated pot! Please have these ready to bring into school on Thursday 14th March! Our usual advice is to bring the daffodil in a few days beforehand to 'force' it through if it hasn't yet flowered. Pots and flowers should be brought into the sports hall via the community entrance on the day of the competition. The Commissioners will be in to judge at lunchtime and winners announced in the afternoon. Participation is entirely optional btw!

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# SAVE THE DATE

# 📸 📸 Parents' Evening Appointments 📸 📸 📸

Parent's Evening appointments will take place on 20th and 21st March. We will be in touch later this month to let you know when our online booking system opens and you will be able to log into Arbor (https://login.arbor.sc) to find an available slot with your child's teacher.

We would like to encourage as many parents as possible to use these as an opportunity for a face-to-face appointment; as useful as technology is, we don't want to lose the human connection which is so important in the educational partnership between school and home. Once again we are only planning to offer physical appointments on this occasion. Do speak to Craig or Max if this poses a real challenge to your circumstances and we will try to accommodate an alternative option as best we can.

# **Family Bingo Night**

The Parent Forum Group have organised a Family Bingo Night at Laxey School!

Date: Friday 8th March - 6pm - 7pm

Price: £5 for adults, £2 for children

Includes: Soup or hot dog

3 exciting bingo games await!

To join the Bingo Night fun, simply write your names on an envelope, place the cash inside and drop it off to school by Wednesday 6th March.

There will also be a tuck shop for the children, so bring some cash on the night. A big thanks from the Parent Forum group for your support!







# **Manx Theme Week**

In the final week of term we will be staging a Manx Theme Week to celebrate everything that is special and unique about the Isle of Man. All the children will be taking part in a range of activities and the work produced will be displayed in our corridor.

#### **Red Nose Day**

Laxey School will be taking part in RDN on Friday 15th March! We are suggesting that children come to school in non-uniform with a 'Dress In Red" theme if possible. We will collect loose change donations which as always will be optional.

